

Remarks

Claims 1-5 and 7-20 were pending.

Claims 2-5 are canceled.

Claims 1, 7 and 18 are amended.

Claims 1 and 7-20 are now pending and are under consideration.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 3.

Claim 1 is also amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 5 without "glycidyoxy" (last line of claim 5).

Claim 7 is amended to delete "glycidyoxy" (last line) as a definition for "X".

Claim 18 is amended to require that the molecular weight be "number average" molecular weight. Support is found in the fourth full paragraph of page 27 of the disclosure.

No new matter is added.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

Claim 18 is repaired by amendment, thus overcoming these rejections.

Claims 1-5 and 7-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Kazmaier, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,919,861.

Kazmaier describes in Example V, col. 29, the preparation of pseudoliving polystyrene using a radical initiator and TEMPO. In a second step the polystyrene is reacted with an unsaturated polyester resin resulting in a branched polymer.